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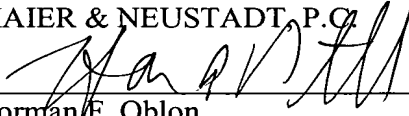
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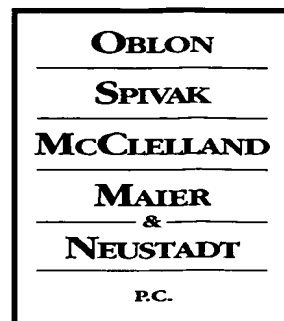
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Responsive to the Office Action March 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 and 8-18 remain pending in the application.

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-5, 8-11 and 13-15 on grounds of *res judicata* is respectfully traversed. As discussed in the amendment filed March 11, 2003, the presently-claimed subject matter was not before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Board) when it rendered its decision dated August 21, 2002 (Decision). Therefore, even in the absence of additional evidence, no *res judicata* applies herein.

In the Office Action, the Examiner finds that the present claims raise the "same